

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 006119.00007)

In re U.S. Patent Application of Johnston,)	
et al.)	
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Application No. 10/611,458)	Group Art Unit: 3624
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Filed: July 1, 2003)	Examiner: Kyle
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For: Derivatives Trading Methods That)	Confirmation No. 1628
Use a Variable Order Price and a)	
Hedge Transaction)	

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MS: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated May 8, 2006. The Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making this response due on or before **August 8, 2006**. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing. However, if a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such a fee or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.